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In re Application of : Gerd HEXELS  
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PART OF THE LEG  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

By way of preliminary amendment, please amend the above identified application as set forth below.

**Substitute Specification:**

Accompanying this response, please find a clean form Substitute Specification, without any markings thereon, along with a copy of the previous version of the specification, i.e., a Marked-Up Specification, which shows the additions and the deletions to the previous version of the specification. The accompanying Substitute Specification does not include any new subject matter and only includes the same changes which are indicated on the accompanying Marked-Up Specification. Please enter the Substitute Specification into the record of this case.

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel claims 1-36, as well as any Chapter II amended claims, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein, in favor of new claims 37-71 as follows.

**In the Abstract:**

Please cancel the Abstract of the Disclosure, presently on file, and enter into the record of this application the new Abstract of the Disclosure as follows.